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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1479

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ET, PINS
SUBJ: RADIO VOICE OF GOSPEL NATIONALIZED

1. IT APPEARS THAT RADIO VOICE OF THE GOSPEL HAS BEEN
NATIONALIZED BY EPMG. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT ARMY
TROOPS TOOK OVER RVOG COMPOUND EARLY THIS MORNING (MARCH 12) .
SITUATION AT STATION REPORTEDLY CALM, BUT EMPLOYEES APPARENTLY NOT
BEING ALLOWED LEAVE COMPOUND.

2. RADIO ETHIOPIA APPARENTLY REPORTED THAT STATION HAD BEEN
NATIONALIZED AS OF TODAY WITH EMPLOYEES BECOMING GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES. STATION REPORTEDLY ACCUSED OF ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY
PROPAGANDA AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION. CLAIM ALSO MADE
THAT RVOG'S "BOURGEOIS ATTITUDE" INCOMPATIBLE WITH
"REVOLUTIONARY ETHIOPIA".

3. EMBASSY HAS SPOKEN WITH TWO AMERICAN EMPLOYEES FRANK AND
ELIZABETH WOLTEMAR WHO ARE SAFE AND MOVING FREELY IN AND OUT OF
RVOG COMPOUND.

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER AS DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE.

COMMENT: RUMORS OF POSSIBLE TAKEOVER HAVE BEEN RAMPANT IN ADDIS FOR
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SEVERAL WEEKS AND INDEED, PERIODICLY WELL BEFORE THEN.
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Message Attributes

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